2nd August 1932]

ordered to disperse and refusing to do so were dispersed by force. No person was beaten who was not a member of the crowd at the time it was dispersed and no person was singled out for attack. V. Chatukutti Nayar who was then the "dictator" of the Kasaragod Taluk Congress Association and Madhavan Nayar, a Congress volunteer, were among the picketers.

(2) At Pilicode on 11th February 1932 Naraina Adiodi was beaten during the course of a forcible dispersal but was not beaten into unconsciousness when at some distance from the crowd. He was a few yards away when the dispersal began but then advanced as though to encourage the picketers. He was warned to go away but defied the order and was therefore dispersed together with the rest. He subsequently feigned unconsciousness but was able to get up and go away after a very short interval. Harishwaran Tirumumbu was not singled out and chased away but was a member of the crowd that was dispersed. No person of the name of Madhavan Nayar was beaten at Pilicode but a person of that name was among the crowd dispersed by force at Kanhangod on the same day. He was not intentionally struck on the head.

(3) It is not the case that the injured were left unattended where they fell. While the Inspector was arranging to have those who had fallen removed to the hospital they got up one by one and walked away. Nobody was seriously injured, as canes and not lathis were used to disperse the crowds.

(*b*) & (*c*) If any person was prepared to substantiate a complaint, it was open to him to prefer a complaint in court. In the absence of any individual complaint, the District Magistrate did not examine any complainant, but satisfied himself that the allegations were incorrect or exaggerated.

*Alleged beating of three persons at the Washermanpet police station lock-up on 3rd April 1932.*

* 6 *Q.*—Mr. U. C. Subrahmanya Bhatt: Will the hon. the Home Member be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government have received a statement signed by Manicka Nayakar, M. Kulshekar Nayakar and V. Krishnaswami Nayakar stating that they were beaten by the Police in the Washermanpet Police station lock-up on 3rd April 1932;

(*b*) whether the Government held any enquiry on the same; if so, who the persons examined were and what the result is of the said enquiry; and

(c) whether any opportunity was given to the complainants to be present at the time of the enquiry and give their own statement or adduce other evidence?

*A.*—(*a*), (*b*) & (*c*) No statement was received by the Government. The Government obtained a report on seeing the statement published in *Swarajya* and found the allegation about beating in the Police lock-up to be totally false. The persons mentioned with the crowd that collected were dispersed after warning, but they were not taken to the Washermanpet Police station or beaten there.

*Alleged cruelty on the part of the Police at Robertsonpet, Masulipatam.*

* 7 *Q.*—Mr. U. C. SUBRAHMANYA BHATT: Will the hon. the Home Member be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether he has received a letter from Sjt. P. Ghanta Reddi complaining that himself and J. Pattabhi Ramayya were taken by the Police of Robertsonpet Police station, Masulipatam, on the 27th March 1932 to the said Police station and that the Police beat Pattabhi Ramayya and that Mr. Ghanta Reddi who was taken to the lock up, was kicked on the chest and back by the Police and also beaten, and that one head constable spat on his face; if so, whether he will be pleased to place a copy of the same on the table of the House;

(*b*) whether any enquiry was held on the same; if so, whether the said complainant was examined or any statement was taken from him or any opportunity was given to him to be present at the time of the enquiry and adduce evidence; and

(*c*) what action the Government have taken or propose to take in the matter?

*A.*—(*a*) Yes. A copy[a] of the letter is placed on the table of the House.

(*b*) & (*c*) The District Magistrate has made such enquiry as he found necessary. It was open to the two persons mentioned to complain to the District Magistrate, if they were prepared to substantiate the facts alleged. If they have not done so, the Government do not propose to take any further action.

*Alleged detention of three ladies in unlawful custody by the Ellore Police.*

* 8 *Q.*—Mr. U. C. SUBRAHMANYA BHATT: Will the hon. the Home Member be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether it is a fact that Srimathi Mudumbi Venkatamma, Javaj Rajaratnamma, Maddula Damayantamma, were arrested on the 18th March in Ellore for distributing Congress pamphlets and released on 2nd April 1932;

---

[a] Printed as Appendix I on page 103 infra.